GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2279
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2002
SOUTH WEST DISTRICT POLICE
RAMDAS ATHAWALE;SHEESH RAM SINGH RAVI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that a city court has pulled up again an officer of South-West district police for displaying gross misconduct in handling a rape case as reported in the Hindustan Times dated August 23, 2002 under the heading `Court pulls up cop for mishandling rape case`;

(b) if so, the details of the facts reported in the news-item;

(c) the action taken thereon;

(d) the number of times when the courts have pulled up officers of Delhi Police for mishandling cases, giving the details thereof during the last one year;

(e) the remedial steps taken in all such cases;

(f) the number of complaints received by Delhi Police from the Public representatives particularly in South-West district during 1.1.2002 to 10.11.2002 ; and

(g) the action taken by Delhi Police thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH.VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) &(b): Yes, Sir. The court of Metropolitan Magistrate observed that the accused was granted bail because the complaint of the victim that she was sexually assaulted by the accused was not recorded in the statement taken by the Investigating Officer.

(c): Delhi Police have instituted a Departmental Enquiry against the Investigating Officer.

(d): During the last one year there have been 14 cases (including the case referred to above) in which the courts have recorded adverse observation against the investigation made by Delhi Police.

(e): The lacunae pointed out by the courts in the investigation are circulated by Delhi Police for the future guidance of their Investigating Officers.

(f) & (g): During the period from 1st January, 2002 to 31st October,2002, 161 complaints were received by Delhi Police from Public Representatives of which one complaint pertained to South-West District.These complaints were enquired into and 6 complaints were substantiated. Delhi Police have issued Show Cause Notices against 2 police personnel and imposed penalty of `Censure` against 4 police personnel in connection with these cases.